

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012***

Present: Selectmen: Tom Hayward, Michael Woodworth and John Gajewski. Others include: Chief Reed, Sgt. Liebenow, Jackie Horgan and Ann Vallette.

Call to order at 6:02 pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks
- Contract – Town Planner, Clay Mitchell
- School Tax Payments –December

Chief Reed gave an update on the completed LEOP Program given by Jon Alberghini which will be funded by a grant. Copies will be made available at Town Hall and the Library, and uploaded on the Web Site.

The Chief and Sgt. Liebenow discussed the 2013 Budget with the Board:

- Hiring of new officer- Selectmen's vote (Michael Woodworth and John Gajewski - yes; Tom Hayward - no)
- New Salary schedule
- Paid Holiday Benefit
- Possible reorganization –less full time to more part time officers – for cost savings
- Possible regionalization of Police Dept
- Chief will rework line items on 2013 Budget for meeting on 1/3/2013.

In Jackie Horgan's opinion, any Budget changes for the upcoming year should be made public knowledge.

Clay Mitchell submitted the Town Planner contract for approval to the Board. After review of the contract, Michael made a motion to accept the 2013 Town Planner Contract, seconded by John. All were in favor and the motion passed. John discussed the Town Administrator position with Clay for his opinion.

Ann Vallette, from CGI Business Solutions, met with the Selectmen to discuss the 2013 Employee Health Coverage Plan options for the full time Town Employees. After reviewing the plans that were presented, the Board approved the plan with a .37% increase and \$3,000.00 deductible, over 2012 plan with a \$2,000.00 deductible. The employees are still responsible for half of the deductible but will now pay 20% instead of 10% of their monthly premiums.

Michael started a preliminary discussion on the Warrant Articles for the 2013 Budget.

No discrepancies were noted during the signing of the checks.

Tom updated the Board that he met with the Town Administrator of Stratham and has had a phone conversation with the Town Administrator of Exeter in regard to the regionalization of the Police Depts. He will also be meeting with Newmarket later this week and will update the Board.

Minutes of the Dec.4th Meeting will be read at the Dec. 18th Meeting.

At 9:40pm, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman
Deputy Town Clerk